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1.	09/602,836	June 23, 2000	Asymmetric Void Filing Scheduler With Bandwidth Grabbing
2.	09/497,254	February 3, 2000	Data Channel Reservation In Optical Burst-Switched Networks

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